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Subject: Public Awareness Samples for Child Find Efforts

Under separate cover, you should have received a copy of the recent Child Find intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Arizona Department of Education and Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) that addresses new statewide procedures for meeting Child Find requirements in IDEA '97. In the Child Find IGA, there is mutually responsibility for staff from Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) and public schools to continually disseminate public awareness resources to increase earlier identification of children birth to 5 who have developmental delays or disabilities.

Enclosed are a variety of resources you may want to use for your public awareness efforts. The developmental charts could be displayed in a location that parents frequent. Brochures can be copied and sent with report cards or distributed at parent conferences, "meet your teacher" events, as well as given to staff when in-servicing them regarding the new Child Find requirements for tracking referrals of children under 3 years old to AzEIP. The brochure titled "If you have concerns..." is accessible on the new Child Find web site under *Publications*. The English version of the brochure titled, "A Checklist for Your Child's Growth" is accessible on the AzEIP web site. If you want to order additional materials, check the Child Find web site for forthcoming order information. The rolodex card is a handy reference for hotline numbers and web site addresses for both Arizona Department of Education Child Find Unit and the Arizona Early Intervention Program.